(d) The Government will try and build a national consensus in case it decides to implement the scheme in the entire country.

Distinguishing Bangladesh migrants

4389. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to distinguish between Indian citizens and the illegal Bangladeshi migrants on the basis of separate identity cards and a pilot project for such door-to-door verification is already in progress; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including restrictions proposed, if any, relating to the right to vote, movement in the country, drawing benefits available under the PDS, etc., and its present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government proposes to prepare a National Register of Indian Citizens and issue Multipurpose National Identity Cards to the citizens of the country. Keeping in view the complexities involved, a Pilot Project has been undertaken on an experimental basis in a few selected sub-districts of 12 States and one Union Territory. Since the issuance of Identity Cards to non-citizens has both administrative and legal implications, the Government is engaged in intra and inter-Ministerial consultations regarding the desirability and feasibility of issuing such Cards to the non-citizens. No final decision on the issue has so far been taken by the Government.

Smuggling of Contrabands

4390. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that smuggling of contrabands such as opium is taking place along the Afghanistan, Pakistan route;